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Notes and Remarks.

The Right Rev. Bishop will be at Sacred Heart on New Year's for the two-fold purpose of giving the sweet veil of the Order of the Mercy to several young ladies, and of administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to a certain number of school children and Indians.

✓ The Right Rev. Bishop dedicated a new church at Hennessy on the 13th of November. The new church is a credit to the earnest zeal of Rev. Father Beck.

Among the new settlers of the Iowa and Sac and Fox reserves there are over four hundred Catholics, whilst you find only about one hundred in Pottawatomie County. Still most of our new settlers are good, quiet and honest neighbors. Many of them have never been inside a Catholic Church, coming from Northern Texas, Arkansas or Chickasaw Nation. We trust their ignorance in regard to religion will give place to Catholic truth. Our Catholics are good, practical ones.

I may cite Mrs. A. S. She lives in a large Protestant settlement, and neighbors try to persuade her to go to their meetings. "What is the use for me to go?" she answers; "your church has not the right foundation." This intrepid Catholic lady is a convert.

I might mention also Mrs. M. N., who sent her son thirty-five miles after the priest when her husband was sick. She is a convert, also, of Bishop Purcell, Cincinnati.

Tecumseh is a mission attended once a month. The priest is often encouraged and edified by the piety of many members of the congregation. Just imagine a good lady and her son coming twelve miles, fasting, for the purpose of assisting at Holy Mass and receiving Holy Communion.

The number of communions distributed during the year 1892 to the inmates of Sacred Heart Mission and the Catholic Pottawatomie Indians amounted to 6,059. What a beautiful boquet in honor of the loving Heart of Jesus!

Thanksgiving Day was celebrated at Sacred Heart Mission according to the directions of the President of the United States and the decree of the council of Baltimore. Solemn Mass was sung at 7:30 in the morning, after which the children went into the woods to enjoy a winter picnic. The Stars and Stripes floated over the institution all day. We hope to see better days for our schools.

Fifty Millions.

America is, to-day, Catholic. Before Columbus it was pagan. To-day it furnishes one-fifth of the whole Catholic Church and one-fifth of the whole Christian civilization.

South America has thirty millions of Catholics; Central America and Mexico ten millions; the United States and Canada ten millions—fifty millions of Catholics in America. From the remaining population, say sixty millions,